

Name of Committee: Override Study Committee – Capital SubCommittee

Meeting Date: November 7, 2013 (Meeting #2)      Time: 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Meeting Location: Town Hall

Members Present:

X      Carol Levin      (left at approx. 9:45)                      X      Lisa Serafin Sheehan

X      Sergio Modigliani    X      Timothy Sullivan

Staff Present and Participating: Peter Rowe and Sean Cronin

School Committee Members Present and Participating: Helen Charlupski and Alan Morse

The minutes from the October 30, 2013 meeting were approved

Topic: Review of Capital Schedule

There was discussion about what the most up-to-date timeline was at which point reference was made to an October 16, 2013 version. This served as the basis for discussion.

Devotion will go to MSBA on November 20<sup>th</sup> for approximately 1,000 students with feasibility and schematics expected by 4/15. A debt exclusion would be timed between Fall of 2014 and Spring 2015. Sean noted it might be appropriate to go on the later side so costs and MBSA issues are locked down for the voters. Sergio discussed some options available for the construction of Devotion and a conversation ensued about the considerations of rehabilitating the existing building, build a new building on the site or a new building built adjacent to the historic wing. There was also a discussion about how the Old Lincoln School (“OLS”) could be used for swing space during construction.

Driscoll

The Driscoll construction schedule was discussed. It was noted that the construction coincides with work at Devotion and the impact this may have on OLS. Sergio described concerns with the ability to do school-wide work without impacting students.

High School

The high school schedule was discussed. Sergio discussed studies suggesting capacity of BHS at 2,400 students and the committee requested reports on BHS capacity and potential expansion.

General discussion

There was a general discussion about how decisions get made on construction design and student relocation. Lisa described concerns that roadblocks, such as environmental issues, may too readily stop progress. Carol asked if B-SPACE considered all options and specifically asked about capacity at Pine Manor. She expressed that the OSC’s role was to kick the tires to make sure appropriate options were fully explored.

Topic: Review of Workplan/Matrix

Metco/Materials Fee (“M/MF”) and Class Size:

The group discussed the impact of M/MF and determined that the enrollment accounted for approximately 2 sections per grade on a combined basis. There was a brief discussion about whether class reductions would in fact be realized if these programs were eliminated. Peter described the manner in which students are placed. It was observed that the M/MF population of 2 classes per grade times 9 grades for k-8 (or 18 classes) was roughly equivalent to the new classroom needs over the next five years (+/- 20). There was a discussion about class sizes and the impact of increasing class size limits from 22 to 24 on capital and operating costs. It was decided that the Capital Sub-Committee should look at the classroom need impact of M/MF students and class sizes on new classroom needs.

Topic: Next Meetings

The Committee asked for the MGT and HMHF studies on the High School, Devotion and other possible expansion sites. The Committee requested that HMHF be invited to the next meeting if possible. Members are to review the material and provide questions through Sergio. Dates for Committee Meetings #3 and #4 were identified as Thursday November 21 at 7:30 a.m. and Thursday December 5 at 7:30